

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public Servants – All India Services – Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979), Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation – Placing under suspension under rule 3(1) of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969 – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.337.

Dated: 27.12.2014

Read:-

From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad, Letter No.35556/2013/
Prod.2 (iii), dated: 20.12.2014.

ORDER:

Whereas, based on the directions of the Government and Court, M/s Radeep Services, Singapore entered into agreement with the APFDC in January, 2013 for export of 213.50 MTS of Red Sanders. The APFDC Limited was appointed as agent of Forest Department on payment of commission for export of material and realisation of revenue by the Government.

2. And whereas, after entering into the revised agreement, the A.P. Forest Development Corporation requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for issue of certificate of origin to obtain the export licence. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests gave certificate of origin and requested the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to approach Government of India for export permission from the old unutilised quota of 1240 MTs duly mentioning that it should not be given from present state quota of 8584 MTs. However, the Ministry of Environment & Forests as CITES Management Authority for India gave N.O.C. for 213.50 MTs. to be deductible from the present quota not from the old quota as recommended by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

3. And whereas, as Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited, has failed to bring the decision of the Government of India to the notice of the State Government / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, has gone ahead and wrote to D.G.F.T. to give export licence. The DGFT gave export licence. The firm approached the Hon'ble High Court and it was held that after recommending for export by the Government (APFDC) and obtaining export licence, the firm cannot be denied export and finally gave order in favour of the firm and export has been completed.

4. And whereas, the said 213.50 MTs have to be lifted from the original tenders called for 1240 MTs in 2006 but as the Firm has not lifted the same and tender has been expired. Though, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has specifically requested the A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited to approach the GOI for export permission from the old unutilized quota of 1240 MTs. and it should not be given from the present state quota of 8584 MTs. Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979), Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation Limited has not informed the same and processed for export licence. Because of the action of Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS, 213.50 MTs. was taken out from the stock for which global tenders have been called for. This has resulted in huge financial loss to the extent of Rs.50.38 crores, as 213.50 MTs was allocated at a price of Rs.1.17 lakhs, whereas the state got average price of Rs.24.77 lakhs for the state quota of Red sanders in the recently concluded global tenders.

5. And whereas, the above action of the Member of Service is serious misconduct.

(P.T.O)

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 3 (1) of the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby place the said Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979), Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation, under suspension in public interest with immediate effect, pending initiation of disciplinary proceedings against him.

7. Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979), Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation, shall during the period of suspension be paid subsistence allowance as is admissible under Rule 4 of the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969.

8. During the period of suspension, the Headquarters of Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979) shall be at Hyderabad and shall not leave the Headquarters without obtaining the prior permission of the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(I.Y.R.KRISHNA RAO)
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Rajesh Mittal, IFS (1979), Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Forest Development Corporation, Hyderabad (through the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Hyderabad)
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi.
The General Administration (SC.E/SC.C/SC X) Department.
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